

TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD, WARREN COUNTY

Green Team Minutes

August 13, 2015

The Green Team meeting was held this date at the Mansfield Township Municipal Building, 100 Port Murray Road, Port Murray, N.J. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m.

Present : Joe Watters, Robert Jewell, Leigh Raffaele, and JoAnn Fascenelli

Absent : Connie Andershonis, Dawn Smith, and Elaine Drazek

Sustainable Jersey Recertification: The Mansfield Township Green Team has qualified for bronze recertification by submitting 215 points. The ongoing support local business action item can be resubmitted for the September 13th deadline. However, this action item is not required for recertification.

Reusable Bag Education Program: The 2015 Township Newsletter had a statement to “stop by the Municipal Building and mention this newsletter for your free Clean Communities Reusable Bag”. Mrs. Fascenelli advised that residents have been requesting a free bag.

Carbon Footprint: Mr. Proefrock and Mrs. Andershonis completed the 2014 carbon footprint and started to input information for 2015.

Materials Reuse Program: Mrs. Fascenelli drafted a letter to be mailed to the Fire Companies to inquire if they would be interested in participating in the April 23rd and April 24th 2016 town-wide yard sale. Mrs. Raffaele reviewed the draft and made suggestions for revisions. The letter will be mailed to the 4 township fire companies.

Support Local Businesses: Mrs. Raffaele stated she has contacted approximately 36 businesses so far. Some businesses were very interested. The franchise businesses seemed more interested (Pizza Hut, etc.) because the franchise does not do any local advertizing. The mom and pop businesses did not seem that excited. Mrs. Raffaele advised she visits the businesses from 2:00 to 3:30 on Thursday's. Businesses can return the support local business form by mail, fax, or email. Mrs. Raffael said it will take a while to compile all of the information.

Backyard Composting Workshop: Pequest Trout Hatchery would like to host a vermiculture/composting workshop presented by Earthworms Plus from Stewartville, N.J. The workshop is scheduled for sometime in September. Mrs. Fascenelli will pursue this with Pequest.

Operation Take Back: Mrs. Fascenelli advised the Police Secretary received an email stating that operation take back is scheduled for September 26, 2015.

Mr. Jewell stated he read an article regarding rain barrels – harvesting off roofs for non-potable water in Texas. A system was developed to flush the lines and then the water goes into the barrels. They are utilizing extremely large tanks for this process.

September 12, 2015 - Washington Township (Morris County) – Green Festival & Family Fun Day will be held at the Rock Spring Park on Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. The rain date is September 13th.

October 24, 2015 – Free Town-Wide Paper Shredding Event – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

November 21, 2015 – Electronic Waste, Scrap Metal, & Large Rigid Plastics Collection – Mansfield Township Department of Public Works (1710 Route 57) 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Next Green Team meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

JoAnn Fascenelli